



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE AGENDA

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

MINUTES

July 15, 2021, 5PM

Members present: Meagan Benetti, Ben Echevarria, Ona Ferguson, Zoe Iacovino, Jessica Lieberman \, Kat Rutkin , Beverly (Bev) Schwartz , Crystal Turner William (Bill) White

Members not present: Emily Monea, Laura Pitone, Lucas Schaber

Staff attending: Anna Corning, Hope Williams, Collins Center - Libby Corbo, Collins Center - Steve McGoldrick

Other attending: Kate Kavanagh, Marcus Graly, Greg Dennis, Pat Cain, Stephen Mackey, Tim Dineen, Jesse Clingan

Meeting started at 5:05PM

Decisions:

1. Committee approved meeting minutes from 7/1.
 - a. Seven 5s
2. Committee approved the decision to have the Collins Center conduct interviews with no committee members present.
 - a. Seven 5s.

The committee uses the Fist to Five method of voting, a technique for gauging consensus. Voting ranges from 0 to 5. The scale is: 0 - no way, 1 - major issues to be resolved now, 2 - minor issues to be resolved now, 3 - minor issues to be resolved later, 4 - comfortable with this as it is, 5 - love this and will champion it. 0-2 is considered a lack of consensus, while 3-5 is considered consensus.

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1. Welcome 5:04
 - a. Hope welcomed the committee and community members.
2. Approve 7/1 Minutes 5:08
 - a. Meeting minutes from 7/1 were approved.
3. Public Comment 5:09
 - a. Committee heard public comments from Greg Dennis and Marcus Graly.

4. Coordinating Team Interview Update 5:16
 - a. Kat updated the committee on the current status of the interview list and noted the remaining slots will be filled as the committee comes to issue areas they need more insight on.
 - b. Kat proposed the recommendation from the Coordinating Team to have only the Collins Center at the interviews, with no Committee members present. And to let the Collins Center create the content for the interviews, but emphasized the importance of asking questions related to the article of their enterprise.
 - i. The committee approved via fist to five to have only the Collins Center at the interviews and to allow the Collins Center to create the content for the interviews.
 - c. Hope updated the committee regarding public record relating to the Collins Center interviews. The interviews are technically public record, but we won't be posting transcripts or recording the interviews.
 - d. Libby will provide an update of each interview as they are completed, but will wait to compile a full report once all the interviews are finished.
5. Community Engagement + Kick Off Update 5:25
 - a. Hope provided an update to the committee noting the change in location and date of the kickoff event. Recognized that we heard concerns from the committee regarding timing and location, and as a result moved the event back to August 28th to be held at Foss Park (pending approval). Tipping Cow, local ice cream vendor is confirmed.
 - b. Zoe provided an update on ArtBeat from last weekend - tabling, handing out fliers and newsletter signups. Lots of people are glad to see the Committee present and excited the process is happening.
6. Collins Center Article 4 - 5 Discussion 5:45
 - a. Article 4 School Committee
 - i. Committee Article 4 discussion included, make up of the School Committee, eligibility of members, ownership/power over the school buildings, budgeting, ordinances vs charter provisions efficiency and impact, enforcement of ordinance creation
 - b. Article 5 Administrative Order
 - i. Committee heard from Collins Center advantages of creating an admin order. Previous charter changes included an admin order (with City Council support), however the process wasn't completed. Leading to discussion of transition, how to enforce creation of admin order, continuity of government, including in recommendations to hire a consultant or establish committee to produce admin order
7. Hope thanked everyone and reminded the committee of the next meeting: July 29th.

Posted: August 17th 2:30PM